CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

of the

Native Village of Kaktovik

Alaska

PREAMBLE

We a group of Eskimos of Kaktovik, State of Alaska, having a common bond of residence, in order to promote our welfare through the development of governmental and economic enterprise, do establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Native Village of Kaktovik" hereinafter called the Village.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1 - All persons whose names shall appear on the census roll being all members of this village residing in Kaktovik shall be members of this Village.

Section 2 - a. New Members. All children of any member, who are residents of Kaktovik shall be members of this Village.

b. Any person who becomes a resident of Kaktovik may be adopted by the Council by a majority vote in its regularly called meeting.

Section 3 - Defination of Adult. Any person who is 19 years of age or older will be considered as an adult.

ARTICLE III - The Council

Section 1 - There shall be a Council composed of President and six members elected by the adult members of the Village.

Section 2 - The Council shall represent the Village in all its undertakings and shall exercise the powers of the Village enumerated in this Constitution.

Section 3 - Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of one year.

Section 4 - The Council shall organize itself within 7 days after each election by electing from within the membership, a Vice President,

Secretary and Treasurer, and from within or without such other officers or agents as may be deemed necessary, but such appointed officers shall not have the vote therein.

Section 5 - The terms of the existing Council members shall continue in force until their terms expire, at which time the members shall elect seven council members as provided for in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IV - Powers of the Community

Section 1 - To do all things for the common good which it has done or has had the right to do in the past and which are not against Federal and the State laws as may apply.

Section 2 - To deal with the Federal Government and its agencies and the State Government and its agencies on behalf of the Village; to deal with any person, firm, corporation and municipality on behalf of the Village.

Section 3 - To provide for filling vacancies in office consistent with this Constitution.

Section 4 - To levy dues, fees and assessments for community purposes on members of the Village and to provide for their collection and enforcement through its ordinances, for the good of the Village. No such assessments shall be laid except by resolution of the Council at any regularly called meeting.

ARTICLE V - Change of Officers

Section 1 - Any officer of the Council or official of the Village who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his office.

Section 2 - If the office of a Council member is vacant for any other than expiration of the term, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular meeting of the Village, at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council or of the Village which amendments, shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of adult members, provided that at least 30 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

ARTICLE VII - Dissolution

The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this Village, provided that at least 30 percent of the voters entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

BYLAWS OF NATIVE VILLAGE OF KARTOVIK

ARTICLE I - Duties of Officers

Section 1 - The President. The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council and of the Village, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and other duties delegated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the administration of the community ordinances and resolutions.

Section 2 - The Vice President. The Vice President of the Council shall act as President in the absence or disability of the President.

Section 3 - The Secretary. The Secretary of the Council shall act as a chairman in the event both the President and the Vice President are absent from the village. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the Council or of the Village. He shall record all rules and regulations and ordinances in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Village members.

Section 4 - The Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Council shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and an amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. The Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 5 - Appointive Officers. The duties of all appointive officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Section 6 - The Records. All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Council or Village meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Village or of the Council, or the agents of the Federal or State government having authorized business in the village.

ARTICLE II - Qualification of Officers

Section 1 - No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter.

Section 2 - No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office.

ARTICLE III - Meetings

Section 1 - The Council shall meet on the first business day of the month at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise ordered by the President, and such other times as may be voted by the majority of the Council.

Section 2 - The President may call such other special meetings as he may deem necessary by giving notice to the members of the Council.

Section 3 - The Quorum. Four Council members shall constitute a quorum for a council meeting, and for general Village meetings, one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 - Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

Section 5 - At a general meeting to be held on December 31, the members shall make nominations for and determine the candidates for Council at which time general election shall be held.

ARTICLE IV - Rights of Members

Section 1 - All members of the village 19 years of age or older shall have the right to vote in village meetings and elections.

Section 2 - Members of the Village shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

Section 3 - Members of the Village shall have equal chance to share in the benefits of the Village.

ARTICLE V - Rule Making Power

The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - Adoption

This Constitution and Bylaws shall be in effect when it is agreed to by the majority vote of the village members voting in an election called for the purpose; provided, that at least 30 percent of the voting membership take part. The persons entitled to vote are all adult residents in the village of Kaktovik, Alaska.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned members of the village of Kaktovik, Alaska, having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and Bylaws on _____,196__; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of _____ for, and _____against, where at least 30 per cent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

_____
Chairman, Election Board

_____
Election Board Member

_____
Election Board Member

Dated this _____day of _____, 196__, at Kaktovik, Alaska.

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